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SUBJ: SURINAM BASKETBALL TEAM TO PRC

1. FIFTEEN-MAN SURINAM BASKETBALL TEAM DEPARTED APRIL 3 FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO-WEEK TOUR OF PRC. TEAM, WHICH INCLUDES TWO OFFICIALS AND A TRAINER, IS LED BY JOHN WILSON AND WILL TRAVEL TO PEKING VIA AMSTERDAM AND PARIS. SCHEDULE AS REPORTED IN SURINAM PRESS CALLS FOR FIVE GAMES IN FOUR CHINESE CITIES INCLUDING PEKING AND SHANGHAI AND RETURN TO SURINAM ABOUT APRIL 20.

2. VISIT BY SURINAM TEAM IS REPORTEDLY AT INVITATION OF PRC AND IS IN RETURN FOR VISIT OF CHINESE NATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM TO SURINAM LAST YEAR. ACCORDING TO PRESS, HALF OF THE ESTIMATED \$45,000 COST OF THE TRIP IS BEING PROVIDED BY PRC WHILE REMAINDER WAS FINANCED BY GOS, CHINESE COMMUNITY IN SURINAM, LOCAL BUSINESS CONCERNS, AND THE SURINAM BASKETBALL UNION. SEVERAL SURINAMERS OF CHINESE ORIGIN ARE REPORTED TO BE ACCOMPANYING THE TEAM AT THEIR OWN COST.

3. COMMENT: BASKETBALL TEAM'S TOUR IS FIRST VISIT TO PRC BY ANY SIZABLE GROUP OF SURINAMERS REPRESENTING THEIR COUNTRY SINCE SURINAM'S INDEPENDENCE IN 1975.

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